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Reference: Rulemaking 8221 (Video Dialtone)

It has come to my attention that the Consumer Federation of America and the National Cable Television Association have requested the Federal Communications Commission not act on the applications submitted by telephone companies for trials of "video dialtone" service until new rules are in place. I hope, in the interest of bringing the benefits of emerging technologies to the education community, that the commission will not delay action on applications for trials of video dialtone.

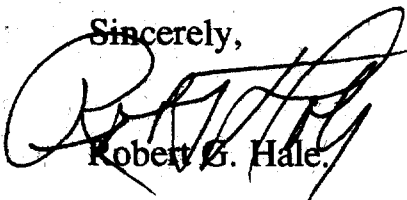
Video dialtone has great potential for the education of our citizens of all ages. It seems to me, that if the request of the Consumer Federation and the Cable Television Association was granted, the development of video dialtone would be delayed for several years. In this time of rapid change in technology, particularly in the area of telecommunications, we can not afford any delay in developing the potential of video dialtone.

I believe the Federal Communications Commission should encourage the development of telecommunications technology, particularly when there is the potential to address some of the education priorities of our country.

My thirty five years as an educator focusing on learning resources and technology lead me to believe that the potential for emerging telecommunications technologies, such as video dialtone, for education must be encouraged. The local telephone companies are one of the logical developers of these technologies.

I believe it is in the best interests of learners of all ages that the trials for video dialtone and other emerging telecommunications technologies move forward in a timely manner.

Sincerely,


Robert G. Hale

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